

Minutes of the Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee of August 5, 2008

Pursuant to notice filed with the Town Clerk, the Sustainable Energy Committee (Committee) met at 7:05 p.m. in the first Floor Meeting room at 141 Keyes Road.

Present:

Pamela Hathaway

Sean Detweiler

Brian Crounse

Tyke Crowley

Art Fulman

Gale Chatlosh [pending member]

Ms. Hathaway convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m..

CSE Committee Charge

Ms. Hathaway summarized the three areas for projects are municipal, business and residential.

Mr. Crounse joined the meeting and noted that he would like to suggest submitting warrant articles and creating a baseline data for energy use and carbon footprint.

Mr. Fulman noted that the CMLP is in the process to release a RFP to study the rates to make sure the fees tied to energy use. Mr. Crounse followed that he would like to see the draft as some rate changes might also be supported by the CSE Committee.

Mr. Crounse—Review CMLP RFP and assume lead for creating a baseline of energy consumption and of carbon footprint.

Mr. Detweiler—volunteered to assume lead for the business outreach. He will submit more detailed plan at the next meeting.

Ms. Hathaway—Volunteered to review incentives and help Mr. Detweiler with promoting a program for businesses.

Mr. Crowley—Help Ms. Hathaway on potential incentives,

Ms. Chatlosh will review the ideas and maybe be ready to discuss her tack at the next meeting.

Town RFP

Ms. Hathaway updated the Committee on the progress for the Town-wide audits. She noted that the Town and the School will cover some of the costs; however, the CMLP is supportive

of the idea, but is discussing responsibilities for covering the costs and benefit to rate payers. He briefly noted their concerns and mentioned that he will bring the Committee's reasoning to the CMLP at a meeting scheduled for Monday.

The Committee supplied the following reasons and benefits of the CMLP participating with the audits:

- Town Facility Managers needed more direction;
- Starting point—all buildings have the same baseline;
- Interconnection will result in more significant energy savings;
- Economies of scale; and
- Consistency in Review.

Mr. Fulman moved to endorse the RFP as written. Ms Hathaway seconded. All Voted in FAVOR.

Request regarding CPW

Mr. Crowley explained the CPW wants the Committee's opinion whether the replacement of diesel generator with a natural gas generator is eligible for the Sawyer Trust Fund. The Committee collectively wants to know the following: What's the primary purpose of the generator? What's the fuel consumption comparison? Are there any alternatives?

Mr. Crowley mentioned that he will bring those questions back to the CPW. Mr. Crounse responded the project might be eligible, but whether it is something the Committee supports is a different question.

Town Energy Policy

Mr. Crowley explained that the proposed energy policy is for Town departments. He also mentioned the CMLP, John Odell has reviewed and also supports such a policy. He mentioned that the next step would be to go to the Selectmen to get it endorsed. Ms. Hathaway moved that the Committee endorse the proposed Town Energy Policy. Mr. Detweiler seconded. All voted in FAVOR.

Mr. Fulman, Mr. Crounse and Ms. Hathaway mentioned that they would be willing to present it in front of the Selectmen. Mr. Crowley will explore the details of the next steps.

Review of Minutes from June 5, 2008

Mr. Crounse moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Hathaway seconded. All voted in FAVOR.

Tasks Assigned

Pamela Hathaway—Volunteered to review incentives and help Mr. Detweiler with promoting a program for businesses.

Sean Detweiler—volunteered to assume lead for the business outreach. He will submit more detailed plan at the next meeting.

Brian Crounse—Review CMLP RFP and assume lead for creating a baseline of energy consumption and of carbon footprint.

Tyke Crowley—Help Ms. Hathaway on potential incentives, Send out a reminder email that the Committee will have to choose a meeting time for the next year and remind the BOS representative that the committee would like her to help us increase member attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tyke Crowley,

Clerk